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Update for the Communicable Diseases and Infestations Rulemaking (9 A.A.C. Chapter 6)

The Department is revising the communicable diseases and infestations rules in Chapter 6, including:

- Article 1, containing definitions of terms used in more than one Article in Chapter 6;
- Article 2, containing the rules regarding the reporting of information about communicable diseases and infestations; and
- Article 3, containing the rules specifying control measures for reportable communicable diseases and infestations.

Individuals and professional groups that were identified as having a possible interest in the rulemaking were informed on August 1, 2007 that a draft of Articles 1 through 3 was posted on the Department's website and available for informal public comment. The Department received several positive comments about the draft rules and a few suggested changes. Based on these comments, the Department has revised the draft rules and expects to post them on the Department's website next week.

Stakeholders can communicate their comments, issues, and concerns about the draft rules to Ruthann Smejkal, Rules Analyst for the Department, by e-mail at smejkar@azdhs.gov, by phone at 602-364-3959, or by fax at 602-364-1150.